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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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12 ZHANG ZIYI, an individual,

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14 Plaintiff,

15 v.
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17 CHINA FREE PRESS, INC., a North
Carolina non-profit corporation doing
18 business as BOXUN NEWS; WEICAN
NULL MENG, an individual also known
19 as WATSON MENG and also known as
WEICAN "WATSON" MENG; DOES 1-
20 25, inclusive,

21 Defendants.
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CASE NO.:

COMPLAINT FOR:

- CV 12-5216** - DMG (PLA x)
- (1) LIBEL PER SE
 - (2) FALSE LIGHT INVASION OF PRIVACY
 - (3) INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE WITH PROSPECTIVE ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE
 - (4) NEGLIGENT INTERFERENCE WITH PROSPECTIVE ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE
 - (5) UNLAWFUL BUSINESS PRACTICES (VIOLATION OF CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE §§ 17200, ET SEQ.)

[JURY TRIAL DEMANDED]

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1 Plaintiff Zhang Ziyi alleges against defendants China Free Press, Inc. dba
2 Boxun News, Weican Null Meng (also known as Watson Meng and/or Weican
3 “Watson” Meng), and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive (collectively, “Defendants”) as
4 follows:

5 NATURE OF ACTION

6 This action is necessary to restore the reputation and vindicate the rights of
7 Plaintiff Zhang Ziyi, an international motion picture actress. Boxun News has
8 repeatedly published reports that she is a prostitute who has earned over \$100 million
9 for having sexual relations with Chinese government officials and others, and these
10 reports have been republished by other media outlets around the world. Boxun News
11 has since refused to print a retraction and has instead stated publicly that the reports
12 are “believed to be true.” But none of the underlying reports are true, and Boxun
13 News never had any legitimate basis to publish them. It never contacted Ms. Zhang
14 before it published the reports to confirm any of the alleged “facts” or obtain a
15 comment from her. Indeed, Boxun News never even revealed the source of any of the
16 defamatory statements about Ms. Zhang. Instead, all of the reports were published
17 anonymously and attributed only to unnamed sources. According to the Boxun News
18 website, its mission is to “become the #1 most trusted Chinese online news service by
19 insisting on ‘Independence’ and ‘Journalistic Objectivity.’” Boxun News has
20 apparently abandoned this mission in its quest for salacious headlines at the expense
21 of Ms. Zhang. She now seeks, *inter alia*, general and special damages for the injuries
22 caused to her reputation and business interests.

23 JURISDICTION

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25 1. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332
26 because there is complete diversity of citizenship between the parties, and the matter
27 in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000.
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THE PARTIES

2. Plaintiff Zhang Ziyi ("Plaintiff") is an individual who resides in China. She is an international motion picture actress and, as part of her business in the entertainment industry, she maintains a business office in the County of Los Angeles, California, and she regularly conducts business in the County of Los Angeles. In fact, as a world-wide center of the entertainment industry, much of the business conducted by Plaintiff around the world is handled in Los Angeles.

3. Defendant China Free Press, Inc. ("China Free Press") is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that the principal place of business of China Free Press is in Durham, North Carolina. At all relevant times, China Free Press does business as and publishes an online internet newspaper under the name Boxun News using the web addresses <http://boxun.com> and <http://boxun.us>. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that China Free Press also runs a blog using the web address <http://www.boxunblog.com>. Boxun News is an international publication targeted towards Chinese readers around the world, including readers located in the State of California. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Boxun News seeks and attracts a nationwide audience in the United States and is actively cultivating this audience for its own commercial benefit.

4. Defendant Weican Null Meng ("Meng") is an individual who resides in Durham, North Carolina. Meng is also known as Watson Meng and Weican "Watson" Meng.

5. Plaintiff is unaware of the true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise, of defendants designated as DOES 1 through 25, inclusive, and therefore sues such defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each and every fictitiously named defendant is responsible in some manner for Plaintiff's damages alleged

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herein. Plaintiff will amend or seek leave to amend this Complaint as appropriate and provide the name of each fictitiously named defendant as the identity of each becomes known.

6. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Meng and the DOES 1-25, inclusive, willfully, knowingly, oppressively, and maliciously conspired and agreed among themselves to manufacture and publish false and defamatory statements about Plaintiff on the Boxun News websites in order to damage her, harm her, expose her to hatred, contempt, ridicule and obloquy, damage her business, and wrongfully promote their own business interests at the expense of Plaintiff.

7. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that there exists, and at all times relevant existed, a unity of ownership between defendant China Free Press and defendant Meng, such that any individuality and separateness between them has ceased. China Free Press and Meng are, and at all relevant times were, the alter ego of each other. Under the circumstances, adherence to the fiction of the separate existence of defendants China Free Press and Meng, as distinct from one another, would promote injustice by protecting one from the prosecution for their own wrongful acts committed under the name of the other.

ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS

8. Plaintiff is an internationally renowned motion picture actress. She has appeared in numerous films, including but not limited to *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* (2000), *Rush Hour 2* (2001), *Hero* (2002), *House of Flying Daggers* (2004), *Memoirs of a Geisha* (2005), and *Horsemen* (2009). Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that her films have grossed nearly \$500 million in the United States alone, and over \$1 billion worldwide. In addition, Plaintiff has been nominated and won several awards for her acting. By way of example only, in 2001 Plaintiff received awards for "Most Promising Actress" from the Chicago Film Critics

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1 Association and “Best Supporting Female Actress” from the Independent Spirit
2 Awards. Likewise in 2006, Plaintiff received a Golden Globe nomination from the
3 Hollywood Foreign Press Association for “Best Supporting Actress in a Motion
4 Picture – Drama.”

5 9. Plaintiff has also appeared in numerous products commercials broadcast
6 and/or published across various media throughout the world, especially in China,
7 Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan. In addition, Plaintiff also appears as an
8 international spokesperson for various luxury and branded products. The Plaintiff
9 enjoys an excellent reputation throughout the world, especially in the China, Hong
10 Kong, Macao and Taiwan. She has been voted one of “The Time 100,” which is
11 Time magazine’s list of the world’s most influential people, and she was featured as
12 the face of China in Newsweek’s feature story “China’s Century.”

13 10. On or about May 28, 2012, Defendants published, or caused to be
14 published, on the Boxun News website, including without limitation
15 <http://boxun.com>, an article that provided extensive details of outlandish payments
16 allegedly made to her for having sexual relations with a former Chinese official, a
17 Chinese billionaire, and unnamed “other senior officials” in China. A true and correct
18 copy of the article, including English translation, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

19 11. On or about May 30, 2012, Defendants also published, or caused to be
20 published, on the Boxun News website, including without limitation
21 <http://boxun.com>, an article that allegedly “confirmed” that Plaintiff had a “sexual
22 relationship with a former Chinese official and stated that she was being questioned
23 by Chinese authorities who had banned her from leaving mainland China. A true and
24 correct copy of the article, including English translation, is attached hereto as Exhibit
25 B.

26 12. Incredibly, on or about June 3, 2012, Defendants published, or caused to
27 be published, another article on the Boxun News website, including without limitation
28 <http://boxun.com>, threatening to retaliate against Plaintiff if she attempted to defend

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1 herself against the false and malicious accusations that they have leveled against her,
2 saying that “if she continues to act, [they] will continue to massively disclose the
3 details of the dates she had with several billionaires.” A true and correct copy of the
4 article, including English translation, is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

5 13. The three articles dated May 28, May 30 and June 3, 2012, are
6 hereinafter referred to collectively as “the Articles.” The Articles are listed on the
7 boxun.com website as some of “the recent most popular” articles published on the
8 site.

9 14. Subsequent to their publication, the Articles were picked up and
10 promptly republished by other media outlets around the world, including but not
11 limited to Apple Daily (Hong Kong), Apple Daily (Taiwan), Next Magazine,
12 AsiaOne, Yahoo! Hong Kong, Yahoo! Taiwan, CNN, Variety, Entertainment
13 Television, The Huffington Post, and countless others.

14 15. None of the libelous statements about Plaintiff are true, and Defendants
15 never had any legitimate basis to publish any of these libelous statements.

16 16. Defendants never contacted Plaintiff before publishing the libelous
17 statements. Furthermore, Defendants never revealed the source of any of the libelous
18 statements about Plaintiff. Instead, the Articles were published anonymously and
19 attributed to unnamed sources such as “intelligence” and “different sources of
20 information.”

21 17. Under the circumstances, it is clear that Defendants either knew the
22 libelous statements were false at the time they published them, or caused them to be
23 published, or they published them or caused them to be published with reckless
24 disregard for the truth.

25 18. On or about June 6, 2012, Plaintiff’s counsel served China Free Press
26 and Meng with a letter demanding, *inter alia*, that they (a) remove the Articles from
27 the Boxun News website, (b) publish a full and complete retraction, and (c) apologize
28 for the harm they caused Plaintiff. A true and correct copy of the demand letter is

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1 attached hereto as Exhibit D. Defendants have failed and refused, and continue to fail
2 and refuse, to retract the defamatory statements contained in the Articles as requested
3 by Plaintiff and as required by law. Instead, in response to Plaintiff's demand,
4 counsel for Defendants issued a letter dated June 6, 2012, denying that the Articles
5 contained any "defamatory words" about Plaintiff and saying that Boxun News
6 "merely published what it believed to be true." A true and correct copy of the letter
7 from William J. Marvin of Huang, Tang, and Marvin, LLP is attached hereto as
8 Exhibit E. In addition, Defendants published, or caused to be published, on the
9 Boxun News website, including without limitation <http://boxun.com>, yet another
10 article which is substantially similar to the letter issued by Defendants' counsel
11 stating that the defamatory statements contained in the Articles are "believed to be
12 true." A true and correct copy of the article, without English translation, is attached
13 hereto as Exhibit F.

14 15 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

16 **(Libel Per Se Against All Defendants)**

17 19. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations contained
18 in paragraphs 1 through 18 inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

19 20. The Articles published by Defendants are false, and they are libelous on
20 their face. They clearly expose Plaintiff to hatred, contempt, ridicule and obloquy,
21 and cause Plaintiff to be shunned or avoided because they accuse her of : (1) being a
22 prostitute; (2) having sexual intercourse with a former politician, a billionaire, other
23 unnamed "senior officials" in China, and other unnamed wealthy businessmen for
24 money; (3) earning in excess of \$100 million as a prostitute; and (4) being under
25 investigation by Chinese government authorities and being banned from leaving
26 China.

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1 21. The Articles were seen and read by countless persons around the world
2 and in Los Angeles, California, which is a world-wide center of the entertainment
3 industry.

4 22. On June 6, 2012, and within twenty days after Plaintiff learned of the
5 publications of the Articles, Plaintiff's counsel served China Free Press and Meng
6 with a demand that they issue a retraction and publish an apology. Defendants have
7 failed and refused, and continue to fail and refuse, to retract the defamatory
8 statements contained in the Articles as requested by Plaintiff and as required by law.
9 Instead, and in response to Plaintiff's demand, Defendants have published yet another
10 article stating that the defamatory statements contained in the Articles are "believed to
11 be true." This is legally insufficient under California Civil Code § 48a(3).

12 23. As a direct and proximate result of the publication of the Articles,
13 Plaintiff has suffered loss of her reputation, shame, mortification, and hurt feelings,
14 all to her general damage. As a further direct and proximate result of the publication
15 of the Articles, Plaintiff has suffered special damages to her business, the full nature,
16 extent, and amount of these damages are currently unknown. Plaintiff will amend this
17 Complaint at or before trial to include further information about such damages if such
18 amendment is deemed necessary by the Court.

19 24. The acts of Defendants were willful, oppressive, and malicious in that
20 they never had any legitimate basis to publish the Articles. They never contacted
21 Plaintiff before publishing the Articles to confirm any of the purported "facts" or
22 obtain a comment from her. Furthermore, the Articles do not disclose either the name
23 of the person who supposedly wrote them or the source of any of the defamatory
24 statements about Plaintiff. Instead, the Articles were published by Boxun News
25 anonymously and attributed only to unnamed sources such as "intelligence" and
26 "different sources of information." Under the circumstances, Defendants either knew
27 the articles were false at the time they published them, or they published them in
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reckless disregard for truth. As a result, Plaintiff is entitled to punitive and exemplary damages.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(False Light Invasion of Privacy Against All Defendants)

25. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 24 inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

26. As is alleged above, Defendants, and each of them, published false and defamatory statements concerning Plaintiff. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants intended to depict Plaintiff in a false, fictionalized and sensationalized light. The Articles, as noted above, falsely portray Plaintiff as a prostitute and potential criminal and a dishonest and unethical businesswoman who routinely engages in misconduct and immoral acts.

27. As a result of the aforesaid false and fictionalized statements, Defendants have placed Plaintiff in a false light that is highly offensive to Plaintiff and would be highly offensive to any reasonable person of normal sensibilities.

28. Defendants either knew the Articles were false at the time they published them, or they published them in reckless disregard for truth.

29. On June 6, 2012, and within twenty days after Plaintiff learned of the publications of the Articles, Plaintiff's counsel served China Free Press and Meng with a demand that they issue a retraction and publish an apology. Defendants have failed and refused, and continue to fail and refuse, to retract the defamatory statements contained in the Articles as requested by Plaintiff and as required by law. Instead, and in response to Plaintiff's demand, Defendants have published yet another article stating that the defamatory statements contained in the Articles are "believed to be true." This is legally insufficient under California Civil Code § 48a(3).

30. As a direct and proximate result of the publication of the Articles by Defendants, Plaintiff has suffered loss of her reputation, shame, mortification, and

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1 hurt feelings, all to her general damage. As a further direct and proximate result of
 2 the publication of the Articles, Plaintiff has suffered special damages to her business,
 3 the full nature, extent, and amount of these damages are currently unknown.

4 31. The acts of Defendants were willful, oppressive, and malicious in that
 5 they never had any legitimate basis to publish the Articles. Defendants published the
 6 Articles in order to wrongfully promote their own business interests at the expense of
 7 Plaintiff. As a result, Plaintiff is entitled to punitive and exemplary damages.

8 9 **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

10 **(Intentional Interference with Prospective Economic Advantage** 11 **Against All Defendants)**

12 32. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the
 13 allegations made in paragraphs 1 through 31 inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

14 33. Plaintiff is an internationally renowned motion picture actress who has
 15 many ongoing and pending business and economic relationships with existing third
 16 parties, including without limitation existing film production companies, film studios,
 17 and talent agencies, which will, in all probability, lead to future economic benefits for
 18 her.

19 34. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that
 20 Defendants had full knowledge of her aforementioned business and economic
 21 activities and relationships.

22 35. Defendants deliberately, willfully, wrongfully and intentionally
 23 interfered with Plaintiff's right to transact business with, and derive business income
 24 from, her relationships with third parties by publishing the Articles. Defendants knew
 25 that by publishing the Articles, interference with Plaintiff's business and economic
 26 relationships was certain or substantially certain to occur.

27 36. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful conduct as
 28 alleged herein, Plaintiffs' business relationships with third parties have been disrupted

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1 and Plaintiff has been damaged, and Defendants' wrongful conduct described above
2 was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' harm.

3 37. The acts of Defendants were willful, oppressive, and malicious in that
4 they never had any legitimate basis to publish the Articles. They never contacted
5 Plaintiff before publishing the Articles to confirm any of the purported "facts" or
6 obtain a comment from her. Furthermore, the Articles do not disclose either the name
7 of the person who supposedly wrote them or the source of any of the defamatory
8 statements about Plaintiff. Instead, the Articles were published by Boxun News
9 anonymously and attributed only to unnamed sources such as "intelligence" and
10 "different sources of information." Under the circumstances, Defendants either knew
11 the articles were false at the time they published them, or they published them in
12 reckless disregard for truth. Defendants published the Articles in order to wrongfully
13 promote their own business interests at the expense of Plaintiff. As a result, Plaintiff
14 is entitled to punitive and exemplary damages.

15 **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

16 **(Negligent Interference with Prospective Economic Advantage** 17 **Against All Defendants)**

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19 38. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the
20 allegations made in paragraphs 1 through 37 inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

21 39. Plaintiff is an internationally renowned motion picture actress who has
22 many ongoing and pending business and economic relationships with existing third
23 parties, including without limitation existing film production companies, film studios,
24 and talent agencies, which will, in all probability, lead to future economic benefits for
25 her.

26 40. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that
27 Defendants had full knowledge of her aforementioned business and economic
28 activities and relationships.

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41. Defendants negligently interfered with Plaintiff's right to transact business with, and derive business income from, her relationships with third parties by publishing the Articles. Defendants knew, or should have known, that by publishing the Articles, interference with Plaintiff's business and economic relationships was certain or substantially certain to occur.

42. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful conduct as alleged herein, Plaintiffs' business relationships with third parties have been disrupted and Plaintiff has been damaged, and Defendants' wrongful conduct described above was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' harm.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Unlawful and Unfair Business Practices –

Violation of Cal. Bus & Prof. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*)

43. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the allegations made in paragraphs 1 through 42 inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

44. Defendants have engaged in unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent business acts or practices within the meaning of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.* by publishing the Articles, which contain false and defamatory statements about Plaintiff.

45. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants published the Articles in order to promote their own business interests at the expense of Plaintiff.

46. Plaintiff has been and is likely to continue to be injured as a result of Defendants' actions which undermine and reduce the goodwill associated with Plaintiff and the products and brands she endorses, for which Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law. If Defendants are not enjoined, they will continue to unfairly derive income, profits, and/or business opportunities as a result of their wrongful and deliberate acts.

47. Pursuant to California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*, Plaintiff seeks an order of this Court that requires Defendants to publish a retraction of their libelous statements and ordering Defendants to engage in corrective advertising or a corrective informational campaign.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, and each of them, as follows:

1. For general damages;
2. For special damages according to proof;
3. For punitive damages according to law;
4. For reasonable attorneys fees according to law;
5. For costs and expenses according to law;
6. For injunctive relief; and
7. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury of all claims and issues so triable.

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EXHIBIT A

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(博讯北京时间2012年5月28日 首发 - 支持此文作者/记者)

博讯独家消息，著名影星章子怡已经确认卷入薄熙来案，已经被调查组问话并禁止出国。

消息人士告诉博讯，徐明供认他在2007年首次给了章子怡500万人民币，做为第一次和她上床的代价。之后，多次和她上床。同年，徐明安排章子怡和薄熙来上床，酬金是1000万人民币。在2007年到2011年期间，薄熙来和章子怡上床超过10次。据悉，徐明和薄熙来和章子怡上床的地点是首都国际机场附近和北京西山的徐明的会所。同期，徐明还将章子怡送给另外两名高官（博讯暂不公布名字，适当时候才公布），每次徐明都付酬金给章子怡。

消息人士透露，章子怡以和富人睡觉捞取金钱，珠宝和房地产出名，一般她会有五、六名富豪男友，但只有一名公开的“正式男友”。博讯据中纪委的数据，章子怡在过去10年以性交易至少获取7亿人民币，其中1.8亿是来自徐明的现金。因为有徐明和其他官员的袒护，这些收入都没有缴税。

消息还透露，徐明的实德集团已经欠银行债务160亿，他仅在章子怡身上就花这么多钱，可见其企业的问题多大。【博讯首发，转载请注明出处】- 支持此文作者/记者(博讯 boxun.com)

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Zhang Ziyi under investigation and being forbidden to leave China due to sleeping with senior officials including Bo Xilai, Xu Ming giving out more details (Boxun, Beijing Time: 28 May 2012)

Exclusive news of BoXun – the famous movie star Zhang Ziyi is confirmed to get involved in the Bo Xilai incident, and she is being questioned by the investigation team and forbidden from leaving China.

Intelligence informs BoXun that Xu Ming tells that he gave Zhang Ziyi RMB¥6 million for the 1st time in 2007 as the consideration for her sleeping with him. (He) slept with her many times afterwards. In the same year, Xu Ming arranged Zhang Ziyi to sleep with Bo Xilai with remuneration of RMB¥10 million. Between 2007 and 2011, Bo Xilai slept with Zhang Ziyi for more than 10 times. It is learned that the place where Bo Xilai and Zhang Ziyi slept is Xu Ming's clubhouse close to Beijing International Airport and Beijing West Mountain. In the same period, Xu Ming also gave Zhang Ziyi to 2 other senior officials (BoXun will not release the names for now, and will only release the same at appropriate times). Xu Ming pays remuneration to Zhang Ziyi each time.

Intelligence reveals that Zhang Ziyi is well-known for exploitation of money, jewellery and real estates by sleeping with wealthy persons. Usually she has 5-6 billionaires as boyfriends, but there will be only 1 “official boyfriend” publicly. According to the statistics of the Commissioner for Discipline Inspection of the Central Committee of the CPC, BoXun (believes that) Zhang Ziyi at least earns RMB¥700 million in the past 10 years pursuant to sex deals, of which RMB¥180 million is cash from Xu Ming. Such income was not taxed due to the shield from Xu Ming and other officials.

Intelligence also reveals that Xu Ming's Shi De Group is already in debt against the bank amounting to RMB¥16 billion. He spent such big amount on Zhang Ziyi alone, and (you) can tell how big the problem is with the enterprise itself.

EXHIBIT B

博讯新闻网

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章子怡只是被禁出境 在国内是自由的

请看博讯热点：王立军、藏西来事件

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博讯据不同渠道的消息来源证实，章子怡经徐明和薄熙来发生关系的内幕属实。事实上，这些消息源还给博讯提供了另外五个名人、明星的名字，其中两人来自央视。

消息人士透露，章子怡是否会出现今晚的珠海颁奖仪式上不能说明章子怡的这些麻烦，因为章子怡只是作为可能证人被问话，目前她在国内是自由的，只是出国被限制。在过去，曾有数名女星卷入各种贪腐案，但通常不会判刑入狱，只是让她们退钱换取自由。如果本次颁奖在香港她出席了，那才是奇迹。章子怡最简单、有力的否定这个报道的办法是到香港或美国露个面，其它的否认努力都是徒劳的。

据悉，章子怡的公关团队多年来和媒体、网站建立了联系，这次可能通过新华社的一名编辑发布了一个短新闻，声称章子怡是干净的，但这说明不了任何问题。知情者向博讯说，章子怡的法律案子都是“雷声大、雨点小”。例如，轰动一时的“京城泼墨门”最后什么结果都没有，连解释都没有。这种虎头蛇尾的做法是因为一旦进入法律程序，很容易曝光章子怡更多内幕，并证明“谣言”成为事实。

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Zhang Ziyi is only forbidden to leave China, and is free within the country

(Boxun Beijing time: 30 May 2012)

Boxun, based on different sources of information, can confirm that it is true Zhang Ziyi had sexual relationship with Xu Ming and Bo Xilai. As a matter of fact, such sources provided names of other 5 celebrities and stars, 2 of which come from CCTV. Intelligence reveals that Zhang Ziyi's attendance in tonight's awarding ceremony does not clear her trouble, as Zhang Ziyi is only being questioned as possible witness, and so far she is free within China, and she is only forbidden to travel outside China. In the past, there used to be several female stars getting involved in all kinds of corruption cases, but usually they will not be sent to prison but are asked to return the money as exchange for freedom. If this prize presentation is in Hong Kong and she showed up, that is a miracle. Zhang Ziyi's simplest and strongest way to break this report is to show up in Hong Kong or the US, and any other denial is useless.

It is heard that Zhang Ziyi's team has built up connections with media and websites over the years. This short report issued by Xinhua Press claiming that Zhang Ziyi is clean does not mean anything. Intelligence informs Boxun that legal matters in relation to Zhang Ziyi are usually "much cry and little done". For instance, the "Beijing Splash Ink Incident" ended up nothing without an explanation. The reason is that once such matters enter legal proceedings, Zhang Ziyi's more secrets will be exposed.

EXHIBIT C

Zhang Ziyi's PR Team making up the story that Fan Bingbing is the 'black hand' behind the story
(Bo Xun Beijing Time: 3 June 2012)

The source of information by Boxun.com which is close to the Commissioner for Discipline Inspection of the Central Committee of the CPC reveals that, Zhang Ziyi's PR Team has been hitting out in all directions by making up the story that Fan Bingbing is the "black hand" behind this and hyping up about her falling in love with Sa Beining, the CCTV host. However, such "stories" and technical moves are too low class and cannot change the fact that the word "prostitution" is being directly used in the reports by western media.

Intelligence tells that Zhang Ziyi is involved in the political dispute this time, and will not get away easily. However, she is trying to show her acting skills in real life and make shows as if she is in a weak position, which will only make her a laughing stock in the future. Persons close to the Commissioner for Discipline Inspection of the Central Committee of the CPC say that if she continues to act, (they) will continue to massively disclose the details of dates she had with several billionaires as given out by Xu Ming. These details were investigated and obtained by Xu Ming's good friend, Wang Lijun, through police powers.

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博讯据接近中纪委的信息来源透露，章子怡公关团队，四处出击，又编出范冰冰是幕后黑手，以及主动炒作她与央视主持人撒贝宁的热恋之类的故事。但这些“故事”与技术处理动作层次太低，均改变不了她如各大西方媒体报道中直接使用“卖淫”一词存在的事实。

消息称，章子怡此次卷入的是政治漩涡，恐怕不会轻易逃脱，而她将演技搬到现实中来，拼命作秀扮弱势，只会为今后留下笑柄。接近中纪委的人士表示，如果她继续表演，将进一步大规模揭露徐明交待的她与多个富豪交往的细节。这些细节是徐明通过他的哥们王立军利用公安手段在过去几年侦破的。【博讯首发，转载请注明出处】- 支持此文作者/记者(博讯 boxun.com)

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Re: Zhang Ziyi

Dear Mr. Meng:

This law firm has been retained by Zhang Ziyi in connection with the recent publication of a number of false and malicious articles about her by Boxun News on the boxun.com website. Although we understand that Boxun News may have removed the English language version of certain of the articles from the site, they remain posted on the Chinese language version of the site along with others. The purpose of this letter is to demand that Boxun News take action to mitigate the tremendous harm it has caused to Ms. Zhang's business and reputation.

In an article dated May 28, 2012, Boxun News reported that Zhang Ziyi was "involved in the Bo Xilai incident" and provided extensive details of outlandish payments allegedly made to her for having sex with Bo Xilai, Xu Ming, and "other senior officials." Similarly, on May 30, 2012, Boxun News "confirmed" that Ms. Zhang had a "sexual relationship with and Bo Xilai" and stated that she was being questioned by Chinese authorities who had banned her from leaving mainland China. Boxun News has posted additional articles in the last few days which generally repeat the same basic "facts" from the original articles. Incredibly, in an article published on June 3, 2012, Boxun News threatened to retaliate against Ms. Zhang if she attempts to defend herself against the false and malicious accusations it has leveled against her, saying that "if she continues to act, [it] will continue to massively disclose the details of dates she had with several billionaires."

None of these absurd, libelous and harmful reports are true, and Boxun News never had any legitimate basis to publish them. It never contacted Ms. Zhang before it published the stories to confirm any of the alleged "facts" or obtain a comment from her. Based on the nature of the articles, its failure to do so is untenable.

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Furthermore, Boxun News never revealed the source of any of the defamatory statements about Ms. Zhang. Instead, all of the articles have been published anonymously and attributed to unnamed sources such as "intelligence" and "different sources of information." Under the circumstances, it is clear Boxun News either knew the articles were false at the time it published them, or it published them in reckless disregard for their truth. And, given its recent threat to publish even more defamatory articles about Ms. Zhang if she continues to defend herself against its scurrilous attacks, we can only conclude that it is the deliberate intent of Boxun News to harm her. According to the boxun.com website, the mission of Boxun News is to "become the #1 most trusted Chinese online news service by insisting on 'Independence' and 'Journalistic Objectivity.'" Boxun News has now clearly abandoned this mission in its quest for salacious headlines at the expense of our client.

We categorically deny all of the allegations in the statements regarding Ms. Zhang released by Boxun News. Ms. Zhang is an internationally acclaimed motion picture actress who has appeared in numerous films, including *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* and *Memoirs of a Geisha*. She has been voted one of "The Time 100," which is Time magazine's list of the world's most influential people, and she was featured as the face of China in Newsweek's feature story "China's Century." In addition to her work as an actress, Ms. Zhang does promotional work as an international spokesperson for various multinational brands and charitable organizations.

The malicious libel by Boxun News has done tremendous and irrevocable damage to both Ms. Zhang's business and her reputation as an actress and spokesperson. The reports that Boxun News originated have been picked up and republished by numerous other media outlets across Asia. They have also been republished by media outlets here in the United States and Europe, including but not limited to CNN, Variety, Entertainment Television, The Huffington Post, and many others. In its June 3 article, Boxun News acknowledged that Ms. Zhang "cannot change the fact that the word 'prostitution' is being directly used in the reports by western media." As the originator of these libelous articles, Boxun News is directly responsible for that. Given the ongoing defamatory statements being published by Boxun News, and as a direct result of its deliberate efforts to harm Ms. Zhang, the extent of the damages suffered by her business and the harm to her reputation are enormous and have yet to be fully determined.

The false stories Boxun News has published about Ms. Zhang are outrageous, and she is committed to doing whatever it takes to see that justice is served, her rights vindicated, and her reputation restored. Ms. Zhang hereby demands that Boxun News

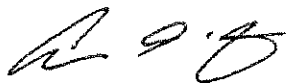
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immediately remove all of the articles it has published relating to her (both in Chinese and in English) and publish a full and complete retraction of all of the defamatory statements and an apology (both in Chinese and in English) in terms that must be approved in advance by us. Both the retraction and the apology must be published by Boxun News in as prominent a position on the boxun.com website as the original defamatory articles. In addition, Boxun News must identify all of the sources it relied upon for the articles so we can pursue defamation and other claims against them. Finally, Boxun News must agree to compensate Ms. Zhang for the damages she has suffered to both her business and her reputation as a result of its wrongful publication of the defamatory articles.

Please make sure that Boxun News directs all future communication, both written and verbal, to us as counsel for Ms. Zhang. If we do not hear from you by 5:00pm Eastern Time on June 8, 2012, we will file suit and seek all available relief, including but not limited to punitive damages for Boxun News' deliberate and malicious libel of our client.

This letter is subject to Rule 408 of the Federal Rules of Evidence and section 1152 of the California Evidence Code and is written without waiver of or prejudice to any and all of our client's rights and remedies.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. LeBerthon", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam LeBerthon
of GLASER WEIL FINK JACOBS HOWARD AVCHEN & SHAPIRO LLP

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Dear Mr. LeBerthon,

This firm has been retained by Boxun News ("Boxun") in regard to your letter dated June 6, 2012, on behalf of Ms. Zhang Ziyi, an international movie star.

Firstly, my client sincerely respects Ms. Zhang as a person and recognizes her extraordinary achievements in the motion picture industry. As an electronic news service in the United States, however, Boxun strives to provide its readers with unbiased information about China and the world. Boxun's reports on Ms. Zhang did not use defamatory words; Boxun merely published what it believed to be true as provided by an anonymous source with such information protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and consistent with its duty to maintain the confidentiality of all sources. See Buckley v. American Constitutional Law Foundation Inc., 525 U.S. 182, 200 (1999), Reno v. ACLU, 521 U.S. 844 (1997), and Doe v. 2TMart.com, F. Supp. 2d 1088, 1092 (W.D. Wash. 2001).

Accordingly, Boxun is thus unable to provide any apology, anonymous source identification, compensation, or anything else requested by Ms. Zhang. Boxun is, nevertheless, very amenable to publishing whatever Ms. Zhang might care to provide in regard to this matter.

Yours truly,



Xiaosheng Huang, Esq., and



William J. Marvin, Esq.
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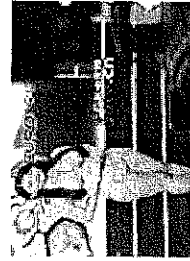
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中新网6月11日报道, 章子怡向香港高等法院递交诉状, 针对几家媒体的不实报道正式提起诉讼。报道还称, 美国当地时间6月11日, 章子怡也通过美国律师Glaser Weil Fink Jacobs & Shapiro LLP正式起诉该不实报道的传播源头——海外某所谓“新闻网站”, 依法追究该网站违背基本新闻报道原则, 仅凭一封来源不明的匿名信便不负责任地发布侮辱诽谤当事人报道的行为。

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge Dolly Gee and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Paul Abrams.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

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Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge

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A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).

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AO 440 (Rev. 12/09) Summons in a Civil Action

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Central District of California

Zhang Ziyi, an individual

Plaintiff

v.

See Attached Defendant List

Defendant

Civil Action No.

CV12-5216-DMG
(PLA)

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address)

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

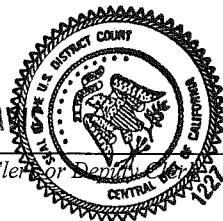
Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: Glaser Weil Fink Jacobs Howard Avchen & Shapiro LLP, 10250 Constellation Blvd., 19th Fl., Los Angeles, CA 90067

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

CLERK OF COURT

MARILYN DA

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk



Date: June 14, 2012

DEFENDANT LIST

CHINA FREE PRESS, INC., a North Carolina non-profit corporation doing business as BOXUN NEWS; WEICAN NULL MENG, an individual also known as WATSON MENG and also known as WEICAN "WATSON" MENG; DOES 1-25, inclusive.

Civil Action No. _____

PROOF OF SERVICE*(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(l))*

This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)* _____
 was received by me on *(date)* _____.

☐ I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* _____
 _____ on *(date)* _____; or

☐ I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with *(name)* _____
 _____, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,
 on *(date)* _____, and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

☐ I served the summons on *(name of individual)* _____, who is
 designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* _____
 _____ on *(date)* _____; or

☐ I returned the summons unexecuted because _____; or

☐ Other *(specify)*: _____

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ _____.

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____

Server's signature

Printed name and title

Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CIVIL COVER SHEET

I (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check box if you are representing yourself <input type="checkbox"/>) Zhang Ziyi, an individual	DEFENDANTS China Free Press, Inc.; Weican Null Meng; DOES 1-25
(b) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you are representing yourself, provide same.) John Mason, Patricia L. Glaser, Adam LeBerthon Glaser Weil, et al. 10250 Constellation Blvd., 19th Fl. Los Angeles, CA 90067 310-553-3000	Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an X in one box only.) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)	III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES - For Diversity Cases Only (Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant.) <table style="width:100%;"> <tr> <th></th> <th>PTF</th> <th>DEF</th> <th></th> <th>PTF</th> <th>DEF</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen of This State</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td>Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen of Another State</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td>Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td>Foreign Nation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> </tr> </table>		PTF	DEF		PTF	DEF	Citizen of This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5	Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
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IV. ORIGIN (Place an X in one box only.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Original Proceeding <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Removed from State Court <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Remanded from Appellate Court <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Reinstated or Reopened <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Transferred from another district (specify): <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Multi-District Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judge																									

V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No (Check 'Yes' only if demanded in complaint.)

CLASS ACTION under F.R.C.P. 23: ☐ Yes ☒ No **MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT: \$** > \$75,000

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)

(1) Libel Per Se; (2) False Light Invasion of Privacy; (3) Intentional Interference with Prospective Economic Advantage; (4) Negligent Interference with Prospective Economic Advantage; (5) Unlawful Business Practices (Violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code sections 17200, et seq.)

VII. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one box only.)

OTHER STATUTES <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc. <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Act <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Info. Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes	CONTRACT <input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise REAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	TORTS PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Fed. 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Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS - Third Party 26 USC 7609
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AFTER COMPLETING THE FRONT SIDE OF FORM CV-71, COMPLETE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW.

CIVIL COVER SHEET

VIII(a). IDENTICAL CASES: Has this action been previously filed in this court and dismissed, remanded or closed? ☒ No ☐ Yes

If yes, list case number(s): _____

VIII(b). RELATED CASES: Have any cases been previously filed in this court that are related to the present case? ☒ No ☐ Yes

If yes, list case number(s): _____

Civil cases are deemed related if a previously filed case and the present case:

- (Check all boxes that apply) ☐ A. Arise from the same or closely related transactions, happenings, or events; or
- ☐ B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or
- ☐ C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; or
- ☐ D. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright, and one of the factors identified above in a, b or c also is present.

IX. VENUE: (When completing the following information, use an additional sheet if necessary.)

(a) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** named plaintiff resides.☐ Check here if the government, its agencies or employees is a named plaintiff. If this box is checked, go to item (b).

County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
	China

(b) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** named defendant resides.☐ Check here if the government, its agencies or employees is a named defendant. If this box is checked, go to item (c).

County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
	North Carolina

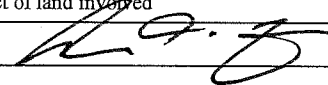
(c) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** claim arose.

Note: In land condemnation cases, use the location of the tract of land involved.

County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
Los Angeles	

* Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo Counties

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X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PRO PER):  Date June 14, 2012

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Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:

Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. (g))